

Death of Judge Charles I. Battell.

DIED.—In Cleveland, Ohio, on Sunday morning, April 12th, 1868, at the house of his niece, Mrs. C. L. Latimer, CHARLES I. BATTELL, aged 78.—*Cleveland Herald*, 13th inst.

The old citizens of Southern Indiana, in common with a host of friends and acquaintances, young and old, in this city, will be pained to read the above announcement. Thus one of the best of the original inhabitants of Evansville, binding the present to the past, is gone. Probably the only remaining one is the venerable Nathan Rowley, Esq., who stands now in a ripe old age, upon the brink of the grave ready to follow his pioneer comrades to the eternal home.

Judge BATTELL was a native of Connecticut. He studied law in Catskill, and spent a few years of his early professional life in Western New York. Full of vigor and enthusiasm, he emigrated to the West, and in June, 1819, landed in Evansville, two years after the town had been named and "laid off," and the same year that it assumed its first corporate existence. He first located at Springfield, then the county seat of Posey, where he engaged in the practice of his profession. In 1821 and 1822, he represented that county in the Legislature, then held in Corydon. In 1823, he returned to Evansville, and from that date he has maintained a residence at Evansville, up to the last two years of his life, which have been spent with his relatives in Cleveland, Ohio.

Judge BATTELL filled several important public positions, among which was the judgeship of the State Circuit Court, in all of which he acquitted himself with honor and preserved an unsullied reputation. We make the following extract from a sketch of his life and character, which appears in the *Cleveland Herald*, and which will be cordially endorsed by all who knew him:

He was truly "a gentleman of the old school," well versed in his profession, and cultivated by extensive reading, and the society of educated men and women. He was especially well informed in the history and politics of our country, past and present, and had personal knowledge of many of the leading minds of the generation now almost gone. He was a true Whig and a true Republican. As citizen, lawyer, judge, and legislator, he contributed to form the free and benevolent and Christian laws

and institutions of Indiana. He was a man of sterling integrity, and had the entire confidence and cordial respect of all who knew him. He was genial and social in his nature, and though never married, appreciated and enjoyed the home circles of his brother and sisters. Their children were his children. He loved and was beloved as their father.

A purer life has rarely been known. His later years have been spent with his kindred, and have given evidence of an intelligent Christian faith which cheered and brightened his path toward the close.

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